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March 30, 2010

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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#52 MARCH 30, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND READVERTISE
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
WHITEMAN AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT PARKING RAMP
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67928
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to reconstruct asphalt concrete pavement for an aircraft parking ramp for Whiteman Airport - Aircraft Parking Ramp in the Pacoima area of the City of Los Angeles; adopt the revised plans and specifications, call for bids, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule and storm water pollution prevention plan to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the project and adopt the revised plans and specifications for Whiteman Airport - Aircraft Parking Ramp, airport improvement project, in the Pacoima area of the City of Los Angeles, at an estimated cost between \$1,100,000 and \$1,300,000.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to readvertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
3. Call for bids to be received on May 4, 2010.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and storm water pollution prevention plan for a \$13,000 not-to-exceed fee funded by existing project funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to adopt the revised plans and specifications, readvertise for bids, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and storm water pollution prevention plan for a \$13,000 not-to-exceed fee for the reconstruction of asphalt concrete pavement on base material and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and a storm water pollution prevention plan that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may determine that bidder is nonresponsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables that conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing an improved and more accommodating facility for airport customers using grant funds from outside sources to increase the County's funding sources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated total project cost is \$1,640,000. The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,100,000 to \$1,300,000.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant commitment of \$1,558,000 will provide 95 percent of the funds. The California Department of Transportation California Aid to Airports Program Matching Funds Grant is anticipated to reimburse \$38,950, which equates to 2.5 percent of the Federal grant amount. Sufficient appropriation for the remaining amount of this project is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under Capital Project No. 67928.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project was originally advertised on April 15, 2008, and on May 20, 2008, 12 bids were received. On September 2, 2008, your Board took action to reject these bids to allow existing tenants time to vacate the project site.

This project, to contract for the reconstruction of aircraft parking ramp pavement, is part of Public Works' program for the operation, maintenance, and repair of airports. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

On April 8, 2008, your Board authorized the former Acting Director of Public Works to apply for an FAA grant and a California Department of Transportation California Aid to Airports Program Matching Funds Grant for the design and construction of an aircraft parking ramp at Whiteman Airport. The FAA awards grants based on bid offers; therefore, the next step is to solicit construction bids by advertising this project.

This project is to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2010 and be completed in January 2011.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 29, 2004, Agenda Item 53, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code and successful completion of the deliverables provided through the consultant services agreement.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing an improved and more accommodating facility for airport customers.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance